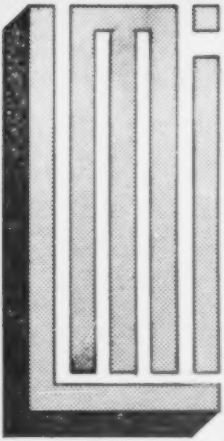

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JOB SERVICE

M O N T A N A

Current Population Survey
Residence Data

(In Thousands)	Jul'81	Jun'81	Jul'80	Net Change to Current Month From June '81	Net Change to Current Month From July '80
Civilian Labor Force-Persons.....	402.6	408.8	390.4	-6.2	12.2
Employed Persons....	377.8	381.5	366.3	-3.7	11.5
Persons Employed In Agriculture....	40.9	38.3	42.0	2.6	-1.1
Unemployed Persons..	24.8	27.3	24.1	-2.5	.7
% of Labor Force Unadjusted..	6.1	6.7	6.2	-.6	-.1
% of Labor Force Seasonally Adj....	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	-.1

Employment by Industry
Establishment Data
July 1981 Preliminary
(In Thousands)

	Montana	Great Falls SMSA	Billings SMSA
Non-Farm Wage & Salary Jobs.....	284.2	29.0	47.5
Manufacturing.....	23.6	1.3	4.1
Mining.....	8.8	*	*
Contract Construction.....	15.9	1.8	2.8
Transportation & Public Utilities..	23.8	1.9	4.9
Trade.....	75.2	9.5	15.9
Wholesale.....	19.2	2.9	5.7
Retail.....	55.9	6.6	10.2
FIRE.....	13.0	2.0	2.3
Services.....	58.3	*	*
Services & Mining.	67.1	7.1	10.2
Government.....	65.6	5.4	7.3
Federal.....	15.9	1.8	1.6
State & Local.....	49.7	3.6	5.7

* Information non-disclosable

JULY LABOR FORCE (Preliminary)

Current Population Survey Data

County	1980 Population	CLF	EMP	Unemp	% Rate
Statewide	786690	402588	377829	24759	6.1
Cascade	80696	35534	32859	2675	7.5
Yellowstone	108035	59463	56554	2909	4.9
Beaverhead	8186	4932	4743	189	3.8
Big Horn	11096	6565	5946	619	9.4
Blaine	6999	3221	2946	275	8.5
Broadwater	3267	1548	1482	66	4.3
Carbon	8099	3802	3660	142	3.7
Carter	1799	1043	1006	35	3.4
Chouteau	6092	3473	3408	65	1.9
Custer	13109	6824	6543	281	4.1
Daniels	2835	1525	1505	20	1.3
Dawson	11805	6732	6546	186	2.8
Deer Lodge	12518	4901	4111	790	16.1
Fallon	3763	2618	2567	51	1.9
Fergus	13076	6318	6060	258	4.1
Flathead	51966	23942	22007	1935	8.1
Gallatin	42865	20185	19257	928	4.6
Garfield	1656	1000	949	51	5.1
Glacier	10628	7306	6480	826	11.3
Golden Valley	1026	457	441	16	3.5
Granite	2700	1230	1131	99	8.0
Hill	19985	9575	8917	658	6.9
Jefferson	7029	2584	2432	152	5.9
Judith Basin	2646	1332	1303	29	2.2
Lake	19056	9022	8394	628	7.0
Lewis & Clark	43039	25908	24476	1432	5.5
Liberty	2329	1391	1357	34	2.4
Lincoln	17752	6954	6031	923	13.3
McCone	2702	1381	1352	29	2.1
Madison	5448	2840	2738	102	3.6
Meagher	2154	1242	1159	83	6.7
Mineral	3675	2228	2057	171	7.7

County	1980 Population	CLF	EMP	Unemp	% Rate
Missoula	76016	37486	34778	2708	7.2
Musselshell	4428	1993	1946	47	2.4
Park	12660	6140	5781	359	5.8
Petroleum	655	365	351	14	3.8
Phillips	5367	3626	3514	112	3.1
Pondera	6731	3940	3837	103	2.6
Powder River	2520	1462	1436	26	1.8
Powell	6958	3857	3602	255	6.6
Prairie	1836	1122	1074	48	4.3
Ravalli	22493	8068	7397	671	8.3
Richland	12243	7662	7439	223	2.9
Roosevelt	10467	5766	5418	348	6.0
Rosebud	9899	6574	6080	494	7.5
Sanders	8675	4142	3793	349	8.4
Sheridan	5414	3371	3329	42	1.2
Silver Bow	38092	19947	18304	1643	8.2
Stillwater	5598	2466	2448	18	.7
Sweet Grass	3216	2231	2193	38	1.7
Teton	6491	3163	3071	92	2.9
Toole	5559	3274	3202	72	2.2
Treasure	981	497	484	13	2.6
Valley	10250	6071	5747	324	5.3
Wheatland	2359	1400	1327	73	5.2
Wibaux	1476	889	859	30	3.4

LABOR MARKET AREAS
(Unrounded)

Anaconda/Butte	73902	37707	34629	3078	8.2
Bozeman	57679	27567	26197	1370	5.0
Glasgow	34333	20359	19513	846	4.2
Glendive	31718	18786	18219	567	3.0
Hardin/RedLodge	28009	15064	14247	817	5.4
Havre	27313	14187	13220	967	6.8
Helena	53335	30040	28390	1650	5.5
Kalispell	88774	39918	36432	3486	8.7
Lewistown	24190	11865	11428	437	3.7
Miles City	32071	19018	18118	900	4.7
Missoula	110859	51924	48025	3899	7.5
Shelby/CutBank	35501	21156	19998	1158	5.5

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Composite Index

1975	95.6	1978	102.8	June 1981
1976	99.1	1979	99.3	93.0
1977	101.2	1980	94.1	

Average Weekly Earnings

1975	$156.65	1978	$212.53	July 1981 (P)
1976	$171.24	1979	$229.22	$254.80
1977	$189.38	1980	$237.36	

Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings

1975	$ 85.27	1978	$ 91.44	June 1981
1976	$ 85.68	1979	$ 88.96	$ 77.65
1977	$ 88.68	1980	$ 81.05	

Unemployment Rates

	U.S.	Montana		July 1981(P) U.S.	Montana
1975	8.5%	6.4.%	Not Seasonally Adj.	7.3%	6.1%
1976	7.7%	6.1%	Seasonally Adj.	7.0%	6.6%
1977	7.0%	6.4%			
1978	6.0%	6.0%			
1979	5.8%	5.1%			
1980	7.1%	6.0%			

New Business Firms

	Montana	GF SMSA	BLGS SMSA	July 1981		Year-to-Date
1976	3454	310	583	MT	577	4058
1977	4770	508	781	GF SMSA	31	264
1978	5200	441	876	BLGS SMSA	75	514
1979	5369	352	821			
1980	5433	353	727			

Consumer Price Index: CPI-U

(All items: 1967=100)

	% Change from Year Ago			July 1981 % Change From: Month Ago	Year Ago
1975	9.1%	1978	7.7%	1.1%	10.7%
1976	5.8%	1979	11.3%		
1977	6.5%	1980	13.5%		

(P) = Preliminary GF=Great Falls BLGS=Billings

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Average Initial Claims*

1975	3787	1978	3813	July 1981
1976	3997	1979	3810	3780
1977	3945	1980	4618	

Average Continued Claims*

1975	40,561	1978	37,788	July 1981
1976	38,972	1979	37,082	35,033
1977	37,764	1980	46,103	

Average Number of Benefit Payments*

1975	36,102	1978	30,040	July 1981
1976	33,079	1979	30,973	33,124
1977	31,451	1980	38,376	

Average Amount of Benefits Paid*

1975	$2,098,079	1978	$2,387,699	July 1981
1976	$2,188,395	1979	$2,615,348	$3,046,256
1977	$2,386,424	1980	$3,572,032	

* (Regular UI program only)

Average Weekly Benefit Amount

1975	$58.84	1978	$84.24	July 1981
1976	$67.48	1979	$88.29	$97.34
1977	$79.50	1980	$97.96	

Minimum Benefit Amount $ 36.00
Maximum Benefit Amount $145.00

Trust Fund Balance (Quarter Ending)
(In Millions)

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
1975	$12.6	$ 9.1	$ 9.3	$ 7.0
1976	$ 0.1	$ 2.5	$ 2.6	$ 1.0
1977	$ 1.0	$ 5.4	$ 7.8	$ 6.7
1978	$ 0.6	$ 7.5	$13.3	$14.7
1979	$ 7.8	$15.2	$21.8	$23.0
1980	$17.6	$22.4	$25.8	$18.5
1981	$11.1	$19.6		

ANNUAL AVERAGES

SUBJECT EMPLOYMENT & LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1977	1978	1979	1980
Civilian Labor Force	345.0	368.0	370.0	374.0
Employment	323.0	346.0	351.0	352.0
Agricultural Employment	34.5	33.0	32.2	31.4
Unemployment	22.0	22.0	19.0	22.0
Unemployment Rate-Montana	6.4	6.0	5.1	6.0
Unemployment Rate-U.S.	7.0	6.0	5.8	7.1
Non-farm Wage & Salary Jobs	254.8	280.4	283.8	280.6
Female Non-farm Wage & Salary Jobs	109.7	120.6	128.2	131.5
Manufacturing	25.1	26.3	27.0	23.6
Durable Goods	16.3	17.4	17.9	14.6
Lumber & Wood Products	9.8	10.7	11.1	8.8
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.6
Other Durable Goods	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.2
Non-Durable Goods	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.0
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
Printing & Publishing	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7
Mining	6.1	7.0	7.7	7.6
Metal Mining	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.5
Bitum.Coal,Quarrying, Non-metal	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.8
Contract Construction	15.7	16.7	15.6	14.7
General Building Const.	5.2	5.8	5.5	4.9
Heavy Const. Contractors	4.6	4.7	4.0	3.9
Special Trade Contractors	5.9	6.2	6.1	5.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	20.3	21.7	23.1	23.0
Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.9
Transp. exc. railroad	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.5
Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Serv.	7.7	8.2	8.9	9.6

	1977	1978	1979	1980
Wholesale & Retail Trade	67.0	72.2	73.5	72.3
Wholesale Trade	15.8	16.5	17.4	17.5
Retail Trade	51.2	55.7	56.1	54.7
General Merchandise				
Apparel, Accessories	8.0	8.5	8.5	8.1
Food Stores	6.9	7.6	7.8	7.7
Automotive Dealers				
Service Stations	8.4	8.9	8.6	7.9
Eating & Drinking Places	18.0	19.9	20.0	20.0
Bldg.,Mat.,Farm Equip.,				
Furn., Misc.	9.9	10.8	11.1	10.9
Finance, Insurance, &				
Real Estate	11.2	12.2	12.7	12.9
Services	49.4	52.6	54.2	56.0
Hotels & Other				
Lodging Places	6.2	6.6	6.1	6.6
Personal Services	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.7
Medical & other Health	15.7	17.2	17.5	18.4
Other Services	25.1	26.2	27.6	28.3
Government	70.0	71.7	70.1	70.6
Federal Government	13.6	13.6	13.9	14.1
State Colleges & Univ.	8.9	8.6	7.9	7.9
Other State Govt.	11.1	11.1	10.8	10.9
Local Education	22.8	23.8	22.8	23.2
Other local Govt.	13.6	14.6	14.7	14.5

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

(In effect 6-1-81 through 5-31-82)

Glacier County
Lincoln County
Mineral County
Ravalli County
Sanders County

To qualify, an area must have had an average unemployment rate of 7.9% or greater for the previous two calendar years (January 1979 through December 1980).